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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

LUKAS-LASKEY, et al.

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For: USE OF CARBAZOLE COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE  
HEART FAILURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 4, 1997

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 15 - 41 as follows:

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--15. A method of treating to decrease mortality resulting from congestive heart failure in a patient in need of such treatment, said method comprising administering to said patient a congestive heart failure mortality decreasing effective amount of a compound which is both a  $\beta$ -adrenoreceptor antagonist and a  $\alpha_1$ -adrenoreceptor antagonist alone or in combination with at least one other therapeutic agent.